(b) Some representations were received for addtional train between Bangalore and Trivandrum.

(c) Special trains are introduced and load of the trains are augmented to the extent feasible and justified to clear the extra rush for Guruvayoor and Sabarimala during mela period.

Replacement of landline telephones with mobile phone

†1190. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry is considering on replacing landline telephones by mobile phones in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether infrastructural arrangements are being made for this propose; and

(d) if so, the details of the progress in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Kottayam-Erumeli railway line

1191. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposal/project for Kottayam-Erumeli railway line of Kerala has been abondoned;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if not, the details of present status of the above project; and

(d) the details of proposal of new railway lines in Kerala and the present status of these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) In view of stiff resistance from the local people and recommendations of the State Government to drop this project, necessary action has been initiated to drop Kottayam-Erumeli new line project.

(d) The details of new line surveys completed in the recent past and of which report have been received are as under:—

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.